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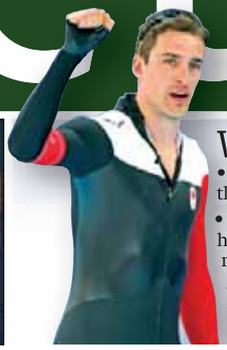

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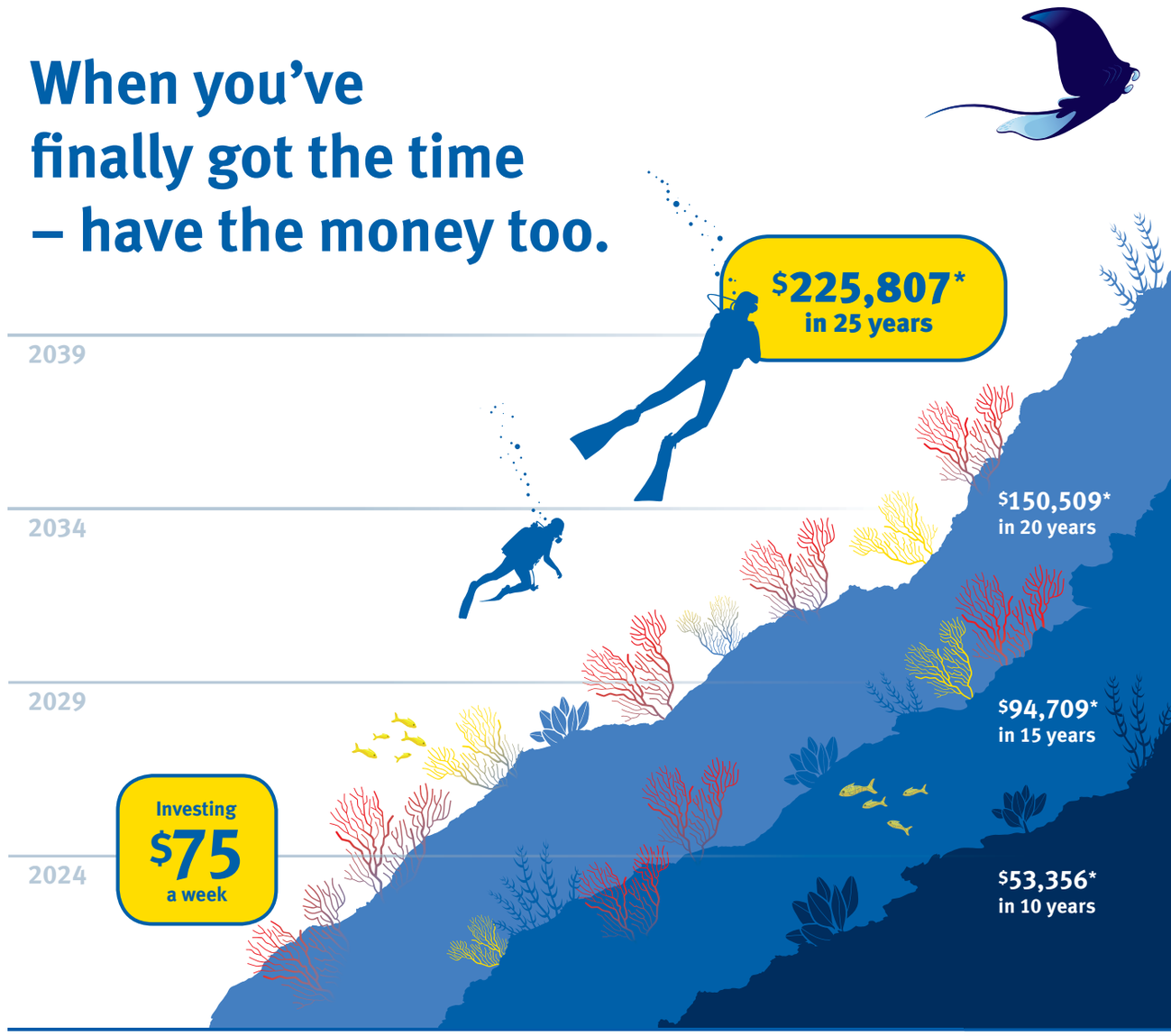

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Six homicides in 2013

Vancouver murder rate at record low

Vancouver police say the city's murder rate is at a record low, as it released its latest crime statistics Thursday.

There were six homicides within the City of Vancouver in 2013, down from 8 in 2012, and consistent with a steady decline since homicides peaked at 24 in 2004.

Incidents of shots fired, bank robberies, break-and-enters and property crime all fell in 2013.

But it's not all good news.

Sexual assaults increased in 2013 at 526 reported cases, up from 412 in 2008.

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Vancouver Shipyard

What a big crane you have

Seaspan announced Thursday that it has taken delivery of the nation's largest gantry crane for its Vancouver Shipyards.

The new 300-tonne crane, once erected, will tower 80 metres in height and span 76 metres in width.

Due to its size, the crane was shipped in three large pieces and will be assembled and tested in the coming months.

The crane's delivery marks a milestone in the shipyard's $200-million modernization project, which will allow Seaspan to begin lucrative work later this year on Non-Combat Vessels for the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Coast Guard.

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You may not be able to have a beer, but the government will allow bars and pubs to remain open for the gold-medal men's hockey game on Sunday. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Only team spirit allowed after hours

'Public safety'. B.C. bars can open early for bronze and gold men's Olympic hockey — but still can't serve booze

You won't be able to raise a pint of beer, but if the Canadian men's hockey team makes it to the gold-medal game, hockey fans will be able to watch it with compatriots at local bars across the province.

The B.C. government has officially conceded to Olympic fever and will allow pubs and bars to extend their hours for the bronze-medal game on Saturday at 6 a.m. and Sunday at 4 a.m., regardless of Canada making it to the final.

Liquor service hours, however, will remain unchanged, the Ministry of Justice and Public Safety announced Thursday.

The earliest booze can be served is 9 a.m., and if bars choose to stay open all night for Sunday's early start, unfinished drinks must be taken away from patrons within 30 minutes of last call.

Restaurants are also allowed to pull all-nighters, but cannot service liquor outside their licensed hours.

It will be business as usual for Vancouver police, who regularly do bar checks to ensure people are in compliance with liquor laws, spokesman Const. Brian Montague said Thursday.

"Our goal obviously is public safety and that will be our goal that night as well," Montague said. "We're there to make sure people enjoy themselves in a responsible and lawful matter."

When asked if officers will crack down or look the other way if establishments bend the rules and serve on Sunday if Canada makes the gold medal game, Montague laughed.

"I would be really surprised if I saw licensed business, especially in the downtown core, risking the loss of their licence to make a few quick dollars," he said.

"If they get caught in violation of their licence, it's a real hit in the pocketbook."

Festive beers weren't an issue during the gold medal hockey game on a sunny afternoon at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

Fans spilled onto Granville Street to celebrate Canada's victory over Team U.S.A.

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Health care. Province can't show value for billions in taxes: Report

British Columbia's auditor general says the Liberal government lacks oversight over a key portion of the largest-ticket item in their annual budget — health-care spending.

A report released Thursday by auditor general Russ Jones said the province can't demonstrate that it's getting good value for the billions of dollars it pays doctors every year.

"We found government is not ensuring that physician services are achieving value for money," said the 46-page report.

The Opposition New Democrats called the report a damning indictment of the management of health care in B.C., but Health Minister Terry Lake said British Columbians receive high-quality care for the money paid to doctors.

"I think some of the recommendations there are just not based on reality," said Lake. "However, in an ideal world, perhaps, that's where we would get."

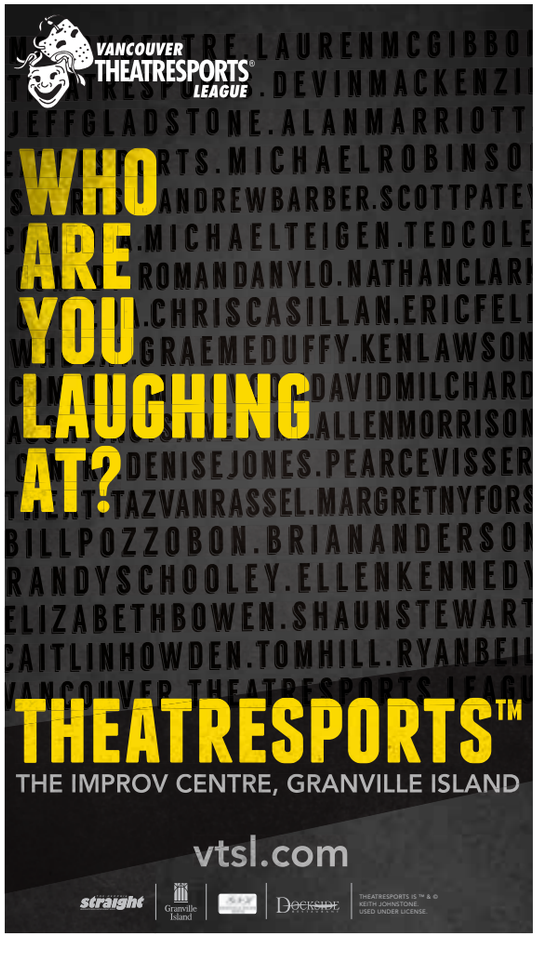
Lake said there is always room to improve and modernize the current fee-for-service model used to pay physicians in B.C., but to undertake a complete rebuild of the system is a mammoth undertaking that would take years to accomplish.

"Similar systems exist across the western world and when you look at what we pay for our physician services versus other jurisdictions we do very well," he said.

Jones's report said that in 2011-2012, physician costs of $3.6 billion consumed nine per cent of the province's total budget, but the government can't demonstrate the physician services are high quality or offer the best value for the money. THE CANADIAN PRESS

What is it you do here?

Among Jones's six recommendations was a call for the Health Ministry and other health-care bodies to clarify their roles.



The JJ Bean at Sixth Avenue and Commercial Drive in Vancouver. ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO

JJ Bean owner stands behind his regulars

Complaints. Business owner claims smokers are making area safer, locals claim the opposite

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The owner of JJ Bean says he stands behind the customers whose smoking habits are upsetting neighbours, because they helped him chase drug dealers out of his café.

John Neate, who owns the popular coffee shop at Sixth Avenue and Commercial Drive, said his customers are not allowed to smoke on the patio because of provincial laws. So they go across the street to indulge in their tobacco and marijuana cigarettes.

The crowd has intimidated some residents, who have gone to the city with their concerns.

City officials suggested Neate ban those customers from his café to appease his neighbours, said Neate. But he refused.

"These guys are more than just customers," he said. "I've been there for 16 years and many of them have been coming in that whole time. They've taken a personal attachment to our place, and they've kept it safe."

Safe from drug dealers.

About a decade ago, drug traffickers allegedly started using the JJ Bean to make deals. They would drop narcotics in the toilet, and their clients would then enter the stall and fish out the package, Neate alleges.

Neate said a couple of his staff were threatened by the dealers and quit as a result.

That's when JJ Bean's regulars came to the rescue.

"They helped me in terms of letting these people know … that they weren't welcome in our block," said Neate.

That was eight years ago. Drug dealers haven't been a problem for the coffee shop since.

The Grandview-Woodlands Community Policing Centre has said it conducted investigations and its officers have found no evidence of trafficking at the coffee shop.

"That's why I have such a loyalty to them," Neate said

So instead of asking his customers to leave, Neate, the police and the city agreed to host a community meeting with the residents to hash out their differences.

Approximately 100 people showed up to the meeting Wednesday night.

It was a tense "family meeting," said Neate. But he believes the issue is resolved.

Neate said his customers recognize they have a role to play, and many have agreed to put their cigarettes behind their backs and clear a path when neighbours walk by.

Community meeting

"I believe there was … an understanding of what mutual respect looks like."

JJ Bean owner John Neate

New indictments filed in RCMP Taser case

New indictments have been filed against two Mounties accused of perjury at a public inquiry into Robert Dziekanski's death, adding an allegation the officers lied when they testified that they hadn't talked about what happened after his death.

Dziekanski, who was immigrating to Canada from Poland, died on the floor of the Vancouver airport after he was repeatedly stunned with an RCMP Taser in October 2007.

All four RCMP officers involved in the fatal confrontation were charged with one count of perjury. One of them, Const. Bill Bentley, has already been tried and acquitted.

Const. Kwesi Millington, former corporal Benjamin (Monty) Robinson, and Const. Gerry Rundel have trials in front of judges scheduled later this year, with Millington's scheduled first in March.

The Crown filed amended indictments last week against Millington and Robinson. The documents, which contain unproven allegations that haven't been tested in court, outline the specific instances in which the Crown alleges the men lied when they testified at the public inquiry in 2009.

The documents are largely similar to the earlier indictments.

They allege the officers lied several times when they testified about what happened, and when they attempted to explain apparent discrepancies between an eyewitness video of the incident and what they wrote in their police notes and told investigators.

The documents also allege they lied when they said they didn't discuss what happened before speaking with homicide investigators in the hours following Dziekanski's death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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VANDU applauds decision against mandatory minimums

Drug trafficking. Judge sentences low-level dealer to 191 days behind bars instead of one year

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A representative for drug users in Vancouver is applauding a court ruling that the mandatory one-year minimum sentence for drug trafficking is unconstitutional.

B.C. provincial court Judge Joseph Galati made the ruling last month. And he put his decision into action on Wednesday, when he sentenced 25-year-old Joseph Ryan Lloyde to 191 days behind bars.

The low-level dealer from Alberta was convicted in September of possessing crack cocaine for the purpose of trafficking in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. It was his second conviction, which means the judge was required to hand him a minimum one-year sentence according to federal law.

But Galati said the law was unenforceable because it violated the Charter of Rights.

Aiyanas Ormond, community organizer for the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users, applauded the judge's decision.

Mandatory minimum sentencing "is really just mean-spirited and punitive and about expanding a drug war that has already been proven in many different places to be a complete failure," he said.

"It's good to see that the judiciary are actually recognizing that and taking a stand against these things."

David Fai, Lloyde's lawyer, has described his client as a low-level dealer who was selling drugs to support his habit.

VANDU is applauding a decision by a provincial court judge that found that mandatory minimum sentences for drug trafficking are unconstitutional. ELIZABETH HAMES/FOR METRO

That situation is "very, very common" among drug users in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, said Ormond.

Many of them are paid in drugs — handed six rocks of crack and told they can keep one for themselves if they sell five, he said.

"This is not lucrative, kingpin, Mercedes Benz-driving drug dealers," said Ormond. "These are people who are just really trying to survive in conditions where they're addicted to these drugs. They have very limited other economic opportunities."

When dealers like Lloyde are sent to jail, another will usually step in to take his or her place, said Ormond.

He said once they go to prison, it becomes more challenging for them to turn their lives around.

A conviction that carries a prison sentence makes it difficult for people to find housing and work. And prisoners often face a higher risk of contracting HIV and hepatitis C.

However, Wai Young, the Conservative MP for South Vancouver, said mandatory minimums don't target drug users.

"We brought in tough, mandatory sentencing for serious drug crimes which specifically target street gangs and other criminal organizations," said Young in a statement.

"These penalties target the worst kinds of drug crime — for example, dealers who sell drugs to children and those who operate dangerous meth labs."

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Vancouver Island. BC Ferries gets approval to build cable-ferry system

BC Ferries has received approval to build what could be one of the world's longest cable-ferry systems, but the service and the commissioner who regulates it are keeping quiet about the expected costs until contracts for the controversial Vancouver Island project are complete.

Ferry commissioner Gord Macatee announced on Thursday that despite opposition from community members he has approved funding for the project, a necessary step under the Coastal Ferry Act.

But he also wouldn't release the cost of the two berths and the ferry, which will serve the route between Buckley Bay — located about an hour's drive north of Nanaimo — and Denman Island, which is located to the east in the Salish Sea.

"It's our normal procedure so that we don't put the company at a disadvantage when it's doing its final contract negotiations, having the other side know the allowed amount," said Macatee.

"But we do release the amount as soon as the contract's completed."

He said the project is going ahead despite public opposition because he must consider the interests of all ferry users on all routes, as well as the interests of the taxpayers.

The cable ferry will provide reliable service at reduced operating costs, he added, noting it will save the service about $2 million annually.

A Dec. 20, 2013 application to Macatee from BC Ferries stated the new vessel, which will replace the Quinitsa, a nearly 80-metre-long ship built in 1977, will be powered by a hydraulic motor and will run along three submerged cables.

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Opposition

Peter Luckham, chair of the Denman Island Local Trust Committee, a body of elected officials that operates much like a municipal council, said a "substantial number" of people in the community are not satisfied the service is being changed.

- He said they don't think it's in their best interest and are still concerned about engineering, safety, reliability and efficiency.

Provincial court

Former LG returns to bench

British Columbia's former lieutenant governor is one of two new judges appointed to the provincial court.

Steven Point will start in his new position in Abbotsford on March 3.

He was first appointed to the provincial court in 1999 and retired from the bench in 2007 when he became lieutenant governor, a position he held for five years.

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Earlier time

Morning question periods now in effect

British Columbia's politicians are getting early wake-up calls to make it to the legislature on time for their experiment with morning question periods.

The traditional afternoon question periods now start at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The morning question period experiment is up for review in the fall.

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Activists turn to B.C. with coal concerns

Surrey facility.
Opponents have demanded that port fully assess impacts

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The port's latest move to alleviate worries over a new coal facility in Surrey didn't go far enough for community activists, who asked the province Thursday to step in and demand a full health impact assessment.

Port Metro Vancouver officials asked Fraser Surrey Docks on Wednesday to provide more information on human health impacts before the regulatory body decides whether to issue it a permit to handle up to four million metric tonnes of coal shipped from the U.S.

But environmental and community groups are upset that the port will not require a full health impact assessment or allow public comments on the new information before it makes a final choice.

"Port leaders just don't seem to get it," Laura Benson of the Dogwood Initiative said in a statement. "Asking for a little more data with no public review does not even come close to the comprehensive health impact assessment that health officers and the public have been demanding."

Communities and Coal, a group of Lower Mainland residents with roots along the train tracks carrying coal to Surrey, called the port's delay a "slap in the face" to communities in light of the public outcry against the project.

Voters Taking Action on Climate Change, the organization that has spearheaded the charge against this particular coal facility, said the province should oppose the project in line with its stated liquified natural gas (LNG) goals.

The province has claimed it's "doing the world a favour" by exporting LNG to reduce the world's reliance on coal.

"It is hypocritical of government to claim credit for LNG's supposed potential to reduce reliance on coal in Asia, while turning a blind eye to B.C.'s growing thermal coal exports and the increased greenhouse gas emissions they will contribute," said VTACC's Kathryn Harrison.

VTACC asked the government to refuse permits to export coal from Texada Island, where the commodity will end up after it goes through Fraser Surrey Docks, and for the Ministry of Health to require a full health impact assessment of the project.

The port disagrees that this is necessary, director of planning Jim Crandles said Thursday.

"We are actually doing exactly what we are supposed to do for the kind of process that we have in place and what's right for the project," Crandles said. "One of the things to keep in mind is that this is an existing marine terminal on existing rail lines, and this is a commodity that has been handled in the port for well over 40 years."

The Fraser Surrey Docks EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

The port has asked for extra information including an air quality assessment, the coal composition and the risk to humans, especially sensitive populations like children.

UBC proposes strategy to combat rape culture

In response to the infamous rape and Pocahontas chants during student-led events at frosh week, the University of British Columbia has developed a plan to combat rape culture and aboriginal stereotypes.

The task force created by the university's president to address the issues after the "embarrassing" chants made headlines last fall released 14 recommendations on Thursday to confront systemic attitudes related to gender-based violence, trivialization of and violence against First Nations.

The suggestions include updating curriculum to address gender, race, sexuality and Indigeneity, and requiring that all students take some courses that offer these upgrades in order to graduate.

Another would require incoming students to take a mandatory online module before arriving on campus that would educated them on intersectional gender-based violence, sexual assault, consent, aboriginal histories and cultures, racism, homophobia, colonialism, ableism and bystander awareness.

The university would also take a leadership role in promoting equality and accountability at institutions across the province.

While the task force addressed the problems at UBC in particular, it pointed out that the issues exist at campuses across North America.

"UBC is not alone in having instances of gender-based violence and acts of discrimination against Aboriginal peoples emerge as issues of concern on our campus," the report states, adding that in January, U.S. President Barack Obama struck a national task force to address rape and sexual assault.

The recommendations are a "work in progress," according to the task force. Students and the UBC community have until March 4 to comment on the draft.

This is the second set of recommendations UBC issued this month to address gender-based violence on campus. Last week it released a plan to make campus safer after six women were attacked in a string of sexual assaults last year believed to be committed by the same man.

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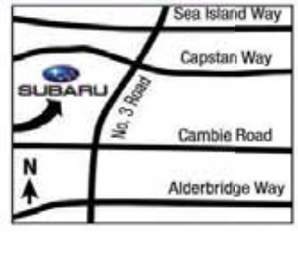

Trudeau tells convention he's not interested in 'politics of division'

'We are here to hope.'
Liberal leader decries partisanship of other parties, says they want 'to see who can make Canadians angrier'

Justin Trudeau cast himself Thursday as a purveyor of hope and economic growth as he opened his first national Liberal convention since being crowned leader last April.

He positioned himself in contrast to what he termed "the politics of division," which he maintained is practised by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Parti Quebecois Premier Pauline Marois.

"My friends, I have no interest in joining Mr. Harper and Mr. Mulcair in a competition to see who can make Canadians angrier," he told some 3,000 delegates.

"We are here to hope. We are here to work hard. We are here to build. We are here to put together the team and the plan to make this country better."

That said, Trudeau was not above taking shots at his rivals, particularly Harper, whom he accused of creating the environment in which intolerance thrives, as demonstrated by the popularity of the PQ's controversial charter of Quebec values, which bans public servants from wearing prominent religious symbols.

Under Harper, Trudeau said incomes of middle class Canadians have stagnated, household debt has skyrocketed and the gap between rich and poor has widened. And that, he said, has created an environment in which intolerance thrives.

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Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau addresses his party's policy convention Thursday in Montreal. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Deadliest day yet in Kyiv protests

Fierce clashes. Medic says scores killed and hundreds wounded in Ukraine's capital

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protesters tossed firebombs and advanced on police lines Thursday in Ukraine's embattled capital. Government snipers shot back, killing at least 70 people and wounding hundreds of others, according to medic Dr. Oleh Musiy.

Video footage on Ukrainian television showed shocking scenes Thursday of protesters being cut down by gunfire, lying on the pavement as comrades rushed to their aid. Trying to protect themselves with shields, teams of protesters carried bodies away on sheets of plastic or planks of wood.

"The price of freedom is too high but Ukrainians are paying it," said Viktor Danilyuk, a 30-year-old protester. "We have no choice, the government isn't hearing us."

Protesters were also seen leading policemen with their hands held high around the sprawling protest camp in central Kyiv. Ukraine's Interior Ministry says 67 police were captured in all.

President Viktor Yanukovych and the opposition protesters who are demanding his resignation are locked in an epic battle over the identity of Ukraine, a nation of 46 million that has divided loyalties between Russia and the West. Parts of the country — mostly in its western cities — are in open revolt against Yanukovych's central government, while many in eastern Ukraine back the president and favour strong ties with Russia, their former Soviet ruler.

Protesters across the country are also upset over corruption in Ukraine, the lack of democratic rights and the country's ailing economy, which just barely avoided bankruptcy with a $15 billion loan from Russia.

At least 101 people have died this week in the clashes in Kyiv, according to protesters and Ukrainian authorities, a sharp reversal in three months of mostly peaceful protests. Now neither side appears willing to compromise or in control of the streets.

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People pass through Independence Square, the epicentre of the country's current unrest, in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday. Clashes The deaths came in a new eruption of violence just hours after the country's embattled president and opposition leaders called

between police and protesters shattered a brief truce in Ukraine's besieged capital, killing numerous people. for a truce and negotiations to try to resolve Ukraine's political crisis. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Activists evacuate a wounded protester during clashes with police in Kyiv's Independence Square in Ukraine on Thursday. EFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sochi

Skier drops out of race

A Ukrainian skier has withdrawn from the Olympics to protest the deaths of anti-government protesters in her country.

"I don't want to participate when in my country people die," said Bogdana Matsotska.

The 24-year-old skier is refusing to ski in Friday's slalom, her third and best event at the Sochi Olympics.

Bogdana Matsotska

Matsotska says Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovych "has to be jailed, and for a long time ... for all the lives that he took." She adds, "I hope that I will be heard by the world."

Matsotska wants to join protesters in Kyiv but has been unable to book a flight home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada's reaction

Feds extend travel ban

Canada is extending its travel ban to cover more senior officials of the Ukrainian government and is promising economic sanctions as well.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says Canadians continue to be outraged by the violence in the Ukrainian capital.

Last month, the Canadian government imposed a travel ban on some officials and promised medical aid for protesters.

There were no immediate specifics of the wider travel ban, nor did Harper's statement provide details of the planned sanctions.

He does say, however, that even tougher measures are being considered.

He is urging the hardline government of President Viktor Yanukovych to stop the violence that has rocked the streets of the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The opossums that Metro reporter Rita Poliakov saw at a breeder's house were smaller than the wild opossum, which is pictured above. ISTOCK

So, you want to buy an opossum

'Other pets.' How one reporter's quest for the perfect marsupial led to an imperfect situation

RITA POLIAKOV
Metro in Toronto

It didn't take long for the baby opossum to escape my grip.

About the size of my palm, it quickly made its way off my hand, around my shirt and onto the couch. After hours of researching the marsupial, I guess I never realized how quick they would be. Or how agile.

I didn't expect to find myself at an opossum breeder's house on a Sunday morning, chatting about cockroach lunches and ferret pellets. But there I was, watching a full-grown opossum cuddle with its owner. He looked downright adorable.

Scouring the web

My journey may have ended at a breeder's an hour away from Toronto, but it began on Kijiji. My goal was to go through the same steps a prospective exotic pet owner might before finding that perfect critter. And for me, that started online.

On Kijiji, lurking in the "other pets" section, I found a wealth of exotic animals — hedgehogs, Bengal cats and pythons, all just a click away. After a bit of Googling, I settled on a Brazilian, short-tailed opossum. And then I looked up Toronto's animal bylaws.

Opossums, it turns out, are in the prohibited animals list, right in between kangaroos and wallabies.

"Part of the reason for the exotic animal bylaw is these animals need quite a lot of specialized care," said Mary Lou Leiher of Toronto Animal Services. "Opossums, they're still wild animals. They're just being socialized.... That doesn't make them domesticated. Wild animals have different brain chemistry and should be left in the wild."

If I'm caught with an opossum, animal services would try to get me to give up my pet voluntarily. Otherwise, I could get charged and saddled with a fine as high as $5,000.

'They're actually illegal'

"Sure, he would treat my opossum in an emergency, but then he'd inform me of the Toronto bylaws and recommend I take the pet to an animal rehab."

Providing the essentials

Trying to keep my opossum obsession on the down low, I started looking at care options. The breeder suggested using a plastic storage container with mesh on top where the lid would be instead of a cage. The opossum's diet would be a little bit more complicated. Opossums need lots of variety, including ferret food, insects and baby food.

My next step was to talk to someone with experience. Richard Johnstone is an exotic animal science instructor at Sheridan College in Toronto. When living in Australia, Johnstone took in a baby possum (not to be confused with the North American opossum).

"It was delightful. I would bring home all kinds of eucalyptus. She'd sit on the back of the couch and chew them. She was quite sweet," he said.

But when the possum got to adulthood, Johnstone released her. According to the instructor, mature possums can get aggressive when their hormones kick in.

Finding a vet

Armed with information, a hypothetical storage container and lots of cockroaches (also hypothetical), my last step was to find a vet. Which proved to be my downfall.

The Links Road Animal Clinic in Toronto treats all kinds of exotic animals. But Dr. Evan Mavromatis hasn't seen many opossums.

"They're actually illegal," he was quick to tell me. Sure, he would treat my opossum in an emergency, but then he'd inform me of the Toronto bylaws and recommend I take the pet to an animal rehab.

Still, if not for animal bylaws, I think I'd enjoy owning a cuddly, agile marsupial. You know, hypothetically speaking.

Metro reporter Rita Poliakov initially wanted to research buying a Fennec fox, shown here, but YouTube videos showcasing the animal's astonishingly high energy level convinced her to look for something else.

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Day 3: Exotic pets in Canada

After two New Brunswick boys were killed last year by an escaped African rock python, we wanted to understand why so many Canadians bring exotic — and sometimes lethal — animals into their homes and lives. What are the costs involved in caring for such critters? How many of these pets are illegal? And what happens when it all goes wrong?

- **Online.** Read about Jagger, a serval cat who lives in a Regina suburb; escape the clutch of a Burmese python; and hear what the Ikea monkey's mom has to say about having wild friends.

That's not really a pet, is it?

Ranking No. 1 on Animal Planet's Top 10 Peculiar Pets list was none other than the Madagascar hissing cockroach (which produces a hissing sound when air travels through respiratory openings on the abdomen). These roaches could make ideal pets for those living in small dwellings, as the creatures only need a small enclosure with places to hide and sticks to climb. They're also suitable for exotic-animal owners who are on a budget. The insects eat fresh vegetables with dry pellet food that's high in protein. METRO

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Jabba the Hut, or the face of cold-blooded danger? Read below to find out why this African bullfrog named Jeremiah can be a tricky pet. CONTRIBUTED

A soft spot for cold-blooded creatures *

From slithering serpents to creepy crawlies, Valerie Williams' vast array of cold-blooded pets would make even the bravest person cringe. But Williams wasn't nicknamed the Snake Lady for nothing.

Turning 80 this March, she has been all over Ontario educating adults and kids about reptiles, amphibians and insects since 1969. "A lot of people are scared of cold-blooded animals and often overlook how important they are," said Williams, who lives in London, Ont..

In every presentation, she likes reminding her audience about how useful these creatures are in the wild as they perform essential tasks like breaking down plant material to make new soil.

Williams' fascination for cold-blooded animals started when she was a young girl in her native England. At four years old, she was given her first pet snake. "My dad was an environmentalist and he'll just give me pets to take care of so I really appreciated them early on and was never really scared," she said.

Several decades after, Williams' interest has shown no signs of waning. She now keeps 20 rodent-eating snakes from ball pythons and king snakes to milk snakes and her favourite, corn snakes, which grow up to five feet and come in every colour except blue. "They're all extremely well-behaved," Williams said. "I will never do a show with an animal I don't personally know."

SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO IN REGINA

* Surprisingly, snakes aren't the most dangerous cold-blooded pets Valerie Williams owns. That title goes to her African bullfrog, Jeremiah. "He bites just because he feels like it," Williams said. "His kind attacks snakes and will even latch onto lions when they come down to drink in the watering hole." To see how sharp an African bullfrog's teeth are, search for "African bullfrog Erindi Private Game Reserve" on YouTube.

Having trouble with your pet fox? Help's a click away

Online support. Exotic animal owners can turn to Internet forums when they're having problems

ANDREW FIFIELD
Metro in Toronto

You become responsible forever, for what you have tamed.

That quote from French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry has become a mantra for exotic pet owners, but a dedicated Internet community is happy to help newbies shoulder that responsibility.

"Sadly, there are quite a few people who do not get the support they need," says Ash Whatcott, a forum moderator for Sybil's Den, a rich resource for new and prospective owners. "Rehoming an exotic animal is not easy and they can become very stressed."

A stressed animal makes for an unhappy pet, and an unhappy pet can be a destructive force, overwhelming new owners who worry they may have bitten off more than they can chew and marking a point where a helpful community becomes invaluable.

Fable's early days were trying for his owner, Ash Whatcott, but a little help from her online friends went a long way. CONTRIBUTED

According to Whatcott, animals that spend their early days sharing a home are unlikely to find a happier habitat after proving too much for their owners. Many end up in hands-off sanctuaries, which can be difficult for animals used to human contact. Others can end up being euthanized.

Whatcott herself was among the potentially overwhelmed owners after first adopting her red fox, Fable. Foxes are notoriously energetic and clever, traits that can get out of hand for an unprepared owner. Wrestling with red fox red tape such as securing the proper permits can also be daunting.

And though the help provided at Sybil's Den was a huge assist in the early days, the window for potential complications stays open.

"This past fall, I ran into difficulties when Fable's temperament unexpectedly changed," says Whatcott. "By speaking with other members I learned what to do to correct the situation and now Fable is back to his playful, loving self.

"If not for the community, I'm not sure I ever would have seen that cute little white-tipped tail wag again."

Quoted

"Rehoming an exotic animal is not easy and they can become very stressed."

Ash Whatcott, a forum moderator for Sybil's Den

Which famous guy owned an anteater?

Mike Tyson, Vanilla Ice, Nicolas Cage, Justin Bieber, Salvador Dali and Michael Jackson are just some of the celebrities who've kept exotic pets. Guess which one owned which critter. (Answers below.)

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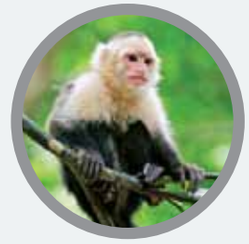

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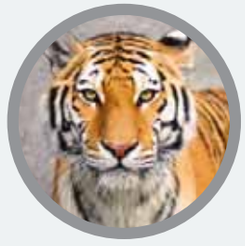

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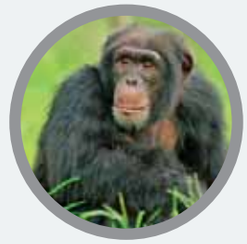

Chimpanzee

Wallaroo

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Answers: Salvador Dali = anteater, Nicolas Cage = octopus, Vanilla Ice = wallaroo, Justin Bieber = capuchin monkey, Mike Tyson = tiger, Michael Jackson = chimpanzee

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Beginning of the end of door mail service starts

The walking dead. Bid adieu to your postie, as 11 centres kick off move to community boxes

Eleven centres will start collecting mail at community boxes this fall as Canada Post begins its move to end door-to-door delivery.

It's the first stage of a five-year plan announced in December and will involve about 100,000 addresses.

Canada Post says that in large cities during this phase, only a few neighbourhoods will be affected, and delivery will continue to businesses.

In the smaller municipalities, nearly all households and a higher proportion of businesses will move to community mailboxes.

B.C. spared ... for now

Vancouver wasn't axed this time around, but 11 communities in Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia were chopped in the first round of door-to-door mail delivery cuts.

Canada Post says these neighbourhoods are near areas that already have community mailboxes, so the infrastructure is already in place.

The Crown corporation will ask for feedback about the change for use as the program moves to other communities.

The national mail service says rising costs and falling mail volumes have made it impossible to continue its traditional operations.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fresh style abroad

Canada's Joe Fresh going global

Grocery giant Loblaw Companies Ltd. is bringing its Joe Fresh discount clothing line overseas in a major expansion that will target fashionistas in key growth markets like the Middle East and North Africa.

The Canadian company said Thursday that the rollout includes the addition of up to 141 Joe Fresh stores in 23 countries over the next four years, including South Korea and eastern Europe.

"This is representative of what has been a long-standing belief on our part that there is an international level of opportunity for the Joe Fresh brand," said Galen G. Weston, the company's executive chairman.

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A cold stone failure

A pedestrian walks past a Tim Hortons location with a Cold Stone Creamery in Toronto on Thursday. Tim Hortons has announced it's pulling the plug on its deluxe ice cream shops, a decision that cost the company about $19 million in the fourth quarter. The partnership with the American dairy chain, which began in 2009, will continue in the Tim Hortons locations in the United States. TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS; PHOTO: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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CURLING GETS A BIT NUTTY

THE METRO LIST

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The world's most bizarre Olympics (and that's saying something) are cruising to a climax in Sochi this week, so it's only natural that all the follies are trending on social media.

1 **The aim: to land the walnut in the centre of the nest.** Perhaps the funniest video ever made. The BBC is responsible for running a video of the U.K. and U.S. Olympic women's curling match over a soundtrack of David Attenborough, in full plummy upper-crust roar, describing the mating ritual of some kind of exotic critter, while curlers point, sweep, curl the "walnut," and exhort each other strenuously. The walnut gets to be the rock. Curling finally makes some kind of sense.

2 **Pound sand.** Former Canadian Olympic chief Dick Pound gets a giggle on Twitter every time he's mentioned at Sochi merely because of his name. Somehow this guy managed to spend the last 50 years as a dedicated servant of amateur sport and as the world's foremost anti-doping crusader, only to trend on Twitter in his latter days because he's got a name that's more suited to a Sochi Tinder account.

3 **And the gold medal for protesting at Sochi goes to...** Pussy Riot. I'm not saying they went out of their way to get beaten up, but for sheer, er, punch, the YouTube video of the women of the Russian protest rock group getting beaten and whipped (yes, whipped) by members of the Cossack militia in front of the Sochi hoarding that surrounds the Olympic site is probably the most effective statement made against the whole fiasco. Their offence? Singing, "Putin will teach you how to love the motherland." OK, so it's not the song of the Volga Boatmen, but whipped?

4 **Got a problem with that?** The Sochi Games are plagued by so many problems @Sochi2014 still doesn't have as many followers as @SochiProblems. Not even close: 263,000 for the former to 340,000 for the problems. The Russian-language problems site has an additional 171,000. D'oh! Or is that da!?

5 **Meanwhile, over at the Shanghai Games.** Not all the action is in Sochi. If you want see a real Olympian effort, how about two guys climbing the tallest building in China, the second tallest in the world, at 121 storeys and 632 metres? The hardest part? Once they got to the top, they have to look down.

6 **Put down the phone. Step away from the table.** French chefs are notorious prima donnas. But it's hard to argue with their latest source of outrage. Before they savour the savoury, diners are getting in the habit of documenting their meal and uploading the image to social media. "There is a time and place for everything," declares Alexandre Gauthier, chef of the Grenouillere in La Madelaine-sous-Montreuil. Not only that, it's bordering on gastronomic espionage. That will be 50 euros for the duck and 10 for the residuals. Or is that leftovers?

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ZOOM

Remembering a teammate

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Canada's Nik Zoricic honoured by team

Canada's Christopher Delbosco, left, flies through the air during the eighth final of the men's ski cross at the Sochi Winter Olympics in Russia on Thursday.

Members of the Canadian ski cross team who would normally be dressed head-to-toe in red and white, designed denim-looking ski pants for their Olympic race in honour of Nik Zoricic, who died after an accident on the ski cross course in March 2012.

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Denim makes a real statement in Sochi

When Toronto's Nik Zoricic began his ski cross career, he didn't have the right pants, so he wore blue jeans to the mountain.

Zoricic crashed through safety nets in a World Cup event, suffered severe head injuries and died in Grindelwald, Switzerland. Two months earlier, Canadian free skier Sarah Burke died in a training accident.

Canada's Brady Leman finished fourth Thursday in ski cross finals. France took all the medals.

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Looking for a cheap drink? Craving your favourite brew? Use your phone's geo-location tracking to find booze and deals. Drink responsibly!

DrinkOwl:
This free app maps out drink specials and happy hours in your city. It also lists the hours of all alcohol stores in every province. Works on iOS, Android and BlackBerry.

Findmytap:
This free app shows you which beer nearby watering holes carry. Use your iOS or Android to search for your favourite pint.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Some French restauranteurs want to eliminate food porn by banning smartphones while dining. Where would you ban smartphones?

@YvezBourgoin: movie theatres and concerts getting out of hand!

@5gatos: dislike all this "banning" how about ask your patrons nicely? Explain your views. #enoughrules

@jennifercw015: I agree with the restaurant and I would add a movie theatre or ordering anything from a customer service agent

@ramosjcr: ya okay, now we can't have smart phones in restaurants! Not going to happen! Instead they should embrace it!

@dansgoodside: I'd ban them around my own dinner table so that my friends would actually pay attention to me!

@Zaedum: Smartphones are a part of the world and entered us into an age of connectivity. They shouldn't be banned anywhere, except planes

@scottmahoney94: Line ups in fast food restaurants while ordering

@insideoutsidemk: if I'm paying for the dish why can I not photograph it! Pro iphone! I wouldn't pay to go to said establishment

@ammarxghori: thats so stupid LOL food porn = public interest in the food via social media = more popularity/customers/interest

@_Escape_Artist: public places where it may be a negative distraction to both users and others. Theatres (of all kinds) especially

@Canucklehead_ca: Brett Farve's possession. (See also: US Senators.)

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SCENE

Synopsis

Set in the shadow of the gurgling volcano Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii stars Game of Thrones heart-throb Kit Harington as the muscle-bound Milo. His tribe, including his entire family, was wiped out by the vicious Roman Senator Corvus (Kiefer Sutherland) dooming him to a lonely life of servitude under the thumb of Roman masters. Years later as a gladiator in Pompeii's coliseum he sees a way to exact revenge and save Cassia (Emily Browning), the most beautiful girl in the lush resort town. As warriors Milo and Atticus (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) battle Roman soldiers in the coliseum, the volcano erupts, causing havoc. Will Milo get vengeance and save Cassia?

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

Pompeii opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Plenty of molten cheese

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Pompeii. The volcano is the only actor in this film that shows any kind of fire and spark

Richard: Mark, the spirit of Steve Reeves lives on. If you aren't familiar with Mr. Reeves' oeuvre, he was Hercules before Kevin Sorbo, a legend of beefcake historical drama movies. His movies were all about bulging muscles, swinging swords and damsels in revealing togas. Which brings me to the spiritual cousin to the Reeves movies — Pompeii — which adds spewing lava, but not much else to the sword and sandal genre. Physically, Jason Statham sound-a-like Harrington is up to the heroic Reeves role but is slowed down by the thick layer of molten cheese that covers almost every frame of this film.

Mark: Richard, the movie reminded me of Titanic, but not in a good way. It's 90 minutes of derivative and irrelevant narrative, a love story between an upper class woman and a commoner, followed by a half hour of the special effects you came to see in the first place. Harrington is fine, but it doesn't matter. The real star is the volcano, and unfortunately, it has the best lines. The gladiator plotline is inferior to other films in the same genre, although I thought the 20 slaves versus 20 centurions scene was handled with great verve.

RC: It does take too long for Mount Vesuvius to blow its top — complete with flying lava meteorites — and when it does, the special effects aren't quite as spectacular as you might hope from a CGI extravaganza. On top of that is muddy-looking 3D. The film overall is dark as though the whole thing was shot through a cloud of volcanic ash. Having said that, I didn't think the volcano had all the best lines. I got a kick out of a prison guard loudly waking up the jailed gladiators by shouting, "Wake up, scum!"

MB: Oh. I thought he was shouting that to the audience. And poor Kiefer Sutherland, given a cardboard role in a papier-mâché film. I kept expecting him to look at the volcano and shout, "We're running out of time!" What I think I would have liked was a drama that showed a cross section of Pompeii life all too tragically snuffed out by the erupting volcano. But maybe that would have been Pompous.

RC: Ha! I felt that when slave trader Graecus said, "You dragged me from a perfectly good brothel for this?" he was speaking directly to me.

MB: Unfortunately the movie didn't speak to me in any way, shape or form.

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Thriller

3 Days to Kill

Director. McG

Stars. Kevin Costner, Amber Heard

In this heart pounding action-thriller, Kevin Costner is a dangerous international spy, who is determined to give up his high stakes life to finally build a closer relationship with his estranged wife and daughter, whom he's previously kept at arm's length to keep out of danger. But first, he must complete one last mission.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No reviews yet **Audience:** 95%

Documentary

Tim's Vermeer

Director. Teller

Stars. Tim Jenison, David Hockney

Tim Jenison, a Texas-based inventor (Video Toaster, LightWave, TriCaster), attempts to solve one of the greatest mysteries in all art: How did 17th century Dutch master Johannes Vermeer (Girl with a Pearl Earring) manage to paint so photo-realistically — 150 years before the invention of photography? The epic research project Jenison embarks on to test his theory is as extraordinary as what he discovers.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 91% **Audience:** 84%

Studios still put their faith in pull of religion

God is dead? He might be in some parts, but he's alive and well at the box office

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With a number of Biblical-themed films slated for release in 2014, religious films are back in vogue a decade after Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ earned $611 million and became the highest grossing non-English language film of all time.

In a time when religion is on the wane in North America, religious movies seem to still have box office draw and studios are readily throwing money behind them. John Pungente, director of the Jesuit Communication Project in Toronto, says studios continue to make them for one big reason. "Money. Studios are taking a leap of faith that films with religious figures as super heroes who save the world will bring in big money like The Passion of the Christ."

Last year's most watched TV cable miniseries, The Bible, from devout Christians Roma Downey and Mark Burnett, averaged 11.4 million viewers per episode and became the top-selling DVD miniseries ever — 525,000 copies were sold in the first week. Burnett made the series over strenuous objections in Hollywood.

Downey and Burnett's feature film on the life of Christ, Son of God is in theatres next week and Darren Aronofsky's Noah with Russell Crowe and Exodus, Ridley Scott's biblical epic starring Christian Bale as Moses are also due out this year.

Next year, we'll see Ang Lee's Gods and Kings, currently in development, and Mary (Mother of Christ) with Odeya Rush, Ben Kingsley and the late Peter O'Toole. All are big budget special effects epics.

Burnett, best known for his pioneering work in reality TV, says producing religious content is more than just a money maker.

"This is for billions of people the most important story in their lives," he says.

Religious films have been everything from good to (excuse the pun) God-awful.

They also often polarize audiences, inspiring protests, boycotts and heated debate. Consider the graphic torture scenes in The Passion of the Christ and Willem Dafoe's moment of doubt in The Last Temptation of Christ.

Pungente says a good religious film has certain qualities. "It touches something inside of you, it moves you, if you can connect with the "message" of the film, find answers to questions you've had and find we're more than we thought."

"We go to see movies that attract us because we are seekers, pop pilgrims. We are exercising, consciously or not, a religious sensibility, that engages us in the rituals of self- transcendence, or classic spiritual enlightenment. It's more than media literacy; it is genuine spiritual literacy that grows out of the pop culture in this mass mediated world."

Son of God opens next Friday.
CONTRIBUTED

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The Monuments Men (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10
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Pacific Cinémathèque 1131 Howe Street

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Une femme mariée (STC) Sat 6:30 Sun 4:30

Park Theatre 3440 Cambie Street

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American Hustle (14A) Fri-Tue 8:40 Thu 8:40
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The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Thu 9:15
Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30
Ride Along (PG) Fri-Thu 9:35
Saving Mr. Banks (G) Fri-Sun 12-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:50
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
Walking With Dinosaurs (G) Fri-Sun 2:30
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Starting Over Again (PG), Fri-Sun 12:50-4:10-7-9:50, Mon 7-9:50, Tue 4:10-7-9:50, Wed-Thu 7-9:50
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American Hustle (14A) Fri-Thu 9
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20090-91A Ave, Langley

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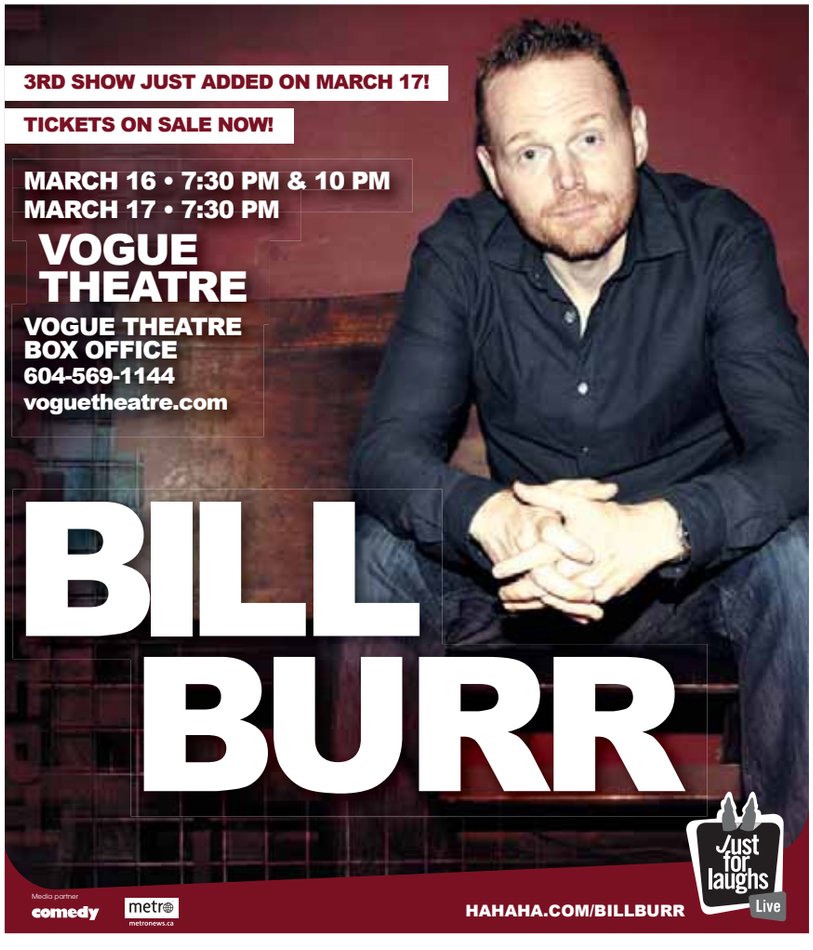

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Monaghan is no softy for nostalgia

Focusing on the now.
Former Lost star says he won't be part of an upcoming reunion marking the show's 10th anniversary

Dominic Monaghan says he's not interested in looking back on his role as drug-addled rocker Charlie on the ABC smash hit Lost, which debuted in 2004.

Several of Monaghan's former Lost co-stars are expected to gather at the Paleyfest television festival next month in Hollywood, where one of the marquee events will be a 10th anniversary celebration.

Monaghan says he'll be in Stockholm working on a Swedish TV show at the time.

But he also says he's not a fan of attending reunions in general. He notes that he hasn't done many reunions for The Lord of the Rings, nor does he go to high school reunions.

He says he prefers to focus on the present, such as his current nature and travel series for OLN, Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan. A second season debuts March 25.

"It's very strange for me to look back on anything in my life," Monaghan said Thursday during a stop in Toronto to promote the OLN series.

"I'm reminded of things like Lord of the Rings or X-Men or Lost but I don't dwell on those things. It's really hard to explain. You have to be careful in the position that I'm in to not get too fixated on those things because you're already in a world where people have a fan-type element to the work that you do which is present."

"So if you're constantly aware of all the other fan-type elements that you've done in the past with certain films or certain TV shows they compound on top of each other and then your ego gets messed around with and I don't want to do that."

Monaghan's diverse roles include the hobbit known as Merry in The Lord of the Rings trilogy, a quantum physicist on the short-lived TV show FlashForward, and an electrical-powered mutant known as Bolt in X-Men Origins: Wolverine.

Monaghan adds that he nonetheless loved working on Lost and is proud of the show.

"It was one of the best first seasons of a TV show of all time and one of the best pilot episodes ever, if not the best. But you know, I did it. I did it 100 per cent, it's done." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"It's very strange for me to look back on anything in my life."
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Posh ready to Spice up middle-class fashion

Posh Spice is getting decidedly less posh, all in the name of brand expansion. Victoria Beckham is reportedly going to start making clothes for the common folk, according to Radar Online. "Victoria has decided to branch her label out of its very upmarket roots," a source says. "She'll finally be able to crack the mid-range department store market that has made millions for stars like Jessica Simpson." Yes, but will she be able to look at herself in the mirror? "It took Victoria a while because she can be so stuck up about everything," the source explains. "But she's finally admitted to herself and her team that she'd like to conquer a store such as Macy's and not just be known for high-end clothing." In an interview with Metro last year, Beckham acknowledged that her role as a fashion designer is to "empower" women. "I'm proud of what I've achieved with my team and with how my business is growing," she told us. "I'm glad that I can make women feel empowered. Because that's ultimately why I do what I do."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Empathetic Franco worried about the shape Shia is in

Well, this was inevitable. As Shia LaBeouf contends with responses to his "performance art" piece from last week, #IAMSORRY, fellow actor and high-brow aspirant James Franco has taken to the New York Times Op-Ed page to voice his opinion on the matter. "Though the wisdom of some of his actions may seem questionable, as an actor and artist I'm inclined to take an empathetic view of his conduct," Franco writes. "This behaviour could be a sign of many things, from a nervous breakdown to mere youthful recklessness. For Mr. LaBeouf's sake I hope it is nothing serious." Franco recounts his own decision to join the daytime soap opera General Hospital, as a means "to undermine the tacit —or not so tacit — hierarchy of entertainment," before concluding: "I think Mr. LaBeouf's project, if it is a project, is a worthy one. I just hope that he is careful not to use up all the good will he has gained as an actor in order to show us that he is an artist."

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AN ALTERNATIVE FOR PAIN RELIEF

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A surging number of people with chronic pain are looking for alternatives to side-effect ridden mainstream painkillers.

Researchers and the public are realizing that medicinal marijuana is an alternative pain treatment that has minimal side-effects and potent painkilling potential.

It also costs less than many traditional analgesic drugs doctors often prescribe, says Jessika Villano, the owner of Buddha Barn, a new dispensary of medicinal marijuana in Kitsilano.

"About 39,000 people in Vancouver use medicinal marijuana, and that number is growing fast."

Villano began working with medical marijuana by making products for her mother, who suffers from chronic pain.

"She didn't want to smoke marijuana, so I began putting it into other forms like baked goods, candies and lozenges."

Buddha Barn will offer a range of these and other medicinal marijuana products.

"How you administer it is very much up to you," Villano says. "We have lots of options, from vapourizers to capsules to cookies.

"These products are a great alternative for people who want to use something for their pain that's natural and gentle on their system. All our products are made from medical marijuana produced by licensed growers in British Columbia, so it's all quality controlled and produced locally. Many of our producers also use organic growing techniques."

Quality and dosage are carefully controlled in all products at Buddha Barn, she adds.

If you are considering trying medical marijuana to manage pain, you are among an ever-widening group.

"Our members use it for many different reasons, from reducing the nausea and lack of appetite they experience during chemotherapy or HIV, to helping treat stress and anxiety disorder," she says. "Our members range from 19 to 80 and they're from all walks of life."

Patients need a prescription from a medical or naturopathic doctor to use medical marijuana. With that, they can sign up for membership with Buddha Barn's non-profit society. Visitors can consult with Buddha Barn's in-house doctor every Tuesday to see if they qualify.

"I feel very lucky to be able to offer an effective alternative solution that helps so many people deal with their pain naturally," Villano says.

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With French wines on the comeback trail, one region in particular has found a place in the hearts and mouths of wine lovers.

Though the Rhône valley is not as flashy as Bordeaux and Champagne or as mysterious as Burgundy, its wines combine Old World charm with New World drinkability.

The southern France valley is divided into two parts. In the north the wines get their fuller flavours thanks to the dominance of the syrah grape. The lighter wines in the south are ruled by grenache, a major influence on the region's most famous wine, Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Père Anselme's 2011 La Fiole Côtes-du-Rhône ($14.99 -$18.99) is 85 per cent grenache. Its smooth blend of blackcurrant, licorice and bright berries comes wrapped in Anselme's famous crooked bottle.

A Côtes-du-Rhône is one of the few reds I think pairs well with a meaty bowl of chili. Try it with winter stews, sausage-based dishes and roast turkey dinners as well. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Looking for a savoury meal to put on the table pronto? Bestselling Australian chef Donna Hay shows us how with recipes from her cookbook Fast, Fresh, Simple.

Shrimp fill out omelette nicely

FAST, FRESH, SIMPLE
Donna Hay
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1. Heat a non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Add half the sesame oil and half the egg and swirl to coat the pan.

2. Cook for 1 minute or until the egg has set. Remove from pan, set aside and repeat with remaining egg and oil.

3. Heat the frying pan over high heat. Add the vegetable oil, ginger, chilli and onion and cook for 1 minute.

4. Add the prawns and cook for 3 minutes.

5. Add the rice and cook for 2–3 minutes or until warmed through.

6. Place the omelettes on serving plates and spoon over the rice mixture. Drizzle with soy and chilli sauces to serve.

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons sesame oil
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons grated ginger
- 1 long red chilli, finely sliced
- 4 green onions (scallions), finely sliced
- 10 large green (raw) prawns (shrimp), peeled and cleaned
- 4 cups cooked jasmine rice
- soy and chilli sauces, to serve

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Australian chef Donna Hay is one of the great culinary masters airing on GustoTV. One of Canada's newest TV channels, Gusto features cooking and culinary travel shows each night, hosted by chefs and foodies from around the world, as well as here at home. For more details, check your local listings or visit gustotv.com.

This prawn-fried rice dish serves two. DONNA HAY

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Arts fest

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Barrels & Bottles

The Blackbird will host this Saturday's upcoming Barrels & Bottles event and fundraiser for the BC Craft Brewers and Distillers Guilds. Saturday, Feb. 22, the BC Craft Brewers Guild and Craft Distillers Guild of British Columbia will join the Donnelly Group's own Blackbird Public House & Oyster Bar to help raise funds for both of BC's Craft Guilds. Sample products from 20 BC breweries and nine BC distilleries. 905 Dunsmuir St.

Talking Stick Festival

Discover the work of Aboriginal arts and artists at the 13th annual Talking Stick Festival, presented by Full Circle First Nations Performance. This year's festival takes place in venues throughout the city from February 18 to March 2, 2014 with national and international artists. The artistic disciplines celebrate and honour the traditional Aboriginal culture and heritage and showcase the new, evolving contemporary work of today's artists. fullcircle.ca.

Chutzpah!

Don't miss the return of this exciting theatrical and creative artistic celebration that takes over the Norman Rothstein Theatre. Catch a stunning array of music, dance, theatre and an exciting, eclectic mix of artists and performers from around the world for this multi-week festival. Worth noting: BodyTraffic, Tiny Music and Judy Gold in 25 Questions for a Jewish Mother. Feb. 22 to March 9, 950 West 41st Ave. chutzpahfestival.com.

Spruce-up time

The BC Home + Garden Show is set to take over BC Place this weekend, offering plenty of insight and advice for closet fixer-uppers. It's become a trusted resource for every home improvement project featuring big-name pros like Bryan Baeumler, Mike Holmes Jr. and sister Sherry Holmes, as well as about 425 exhibitors on hand showcasing their wares, tips and tricks. You're guaranteed to find great inspiration to help freshen up your home space. Feb. 19 to 23. bchomeandgardenshow.com.

Stand up for comedy

NorthWest Comedy Fest is definitely worth checking out. Vancouver's newest comedy festival will take over various venues for a week of fun. Catch stand-up favourites, newcomers and pop-up performers. The festival features special screenings, podcasts and plenty of great ways to help you laugh off a tough week at the office. Nab tickets to the Bumbershoot Showcase and catch Cloud Comedy with Hip Bang!, Bryan Nothling and Jordan Cohen. Until Feb. 22, various venues northwest, comedyfest.com.

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The 2014 Spring Study and Go Abroad Fair will feature top-ranked universities from Australia, U.K., U.S., Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany, Caribbean and other countries, as well as a host of student travel organizations promoting gap year options and experiential travel for students of all ages. Admission is free

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Exhibiting institutions, several of which rank in the top 100 universities worldwide, will be showcasing programs in medicine, pharmacy, engineering, hotel management, business, technology, science, film studies and culinary and liberal arts and many other fields. Visitors who are planning a gap year to work abroad, volunteer, intern or simply travel, can visit the Travel Zone.

The expo is open Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at the Vancouver Convention Centre, but visitors are encouraged to arrive early at 2 p.m. to catch the first free seminar of the day on how to access more than $100 million worth of scholarships for post-secondary studies.

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Red, white and gold

Women's hockey. Canada wins fourth straight Olympic title with comeback win over U.S. capped in OT

Team Canada celebrates its overtime win in the women's gold-medal hockey game in front of Anne Schleper of the U.S. on Thursday in Sochi, Russia. Canada won 3-2. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Once again, Marie-Philip Poulin's heroics put Canada on top of the women's hockey podium at the Winter Olympics.

Poulin's goal at 8:10 of overtime gave Canada a 3-2 win over the archrival Americans in the gold-medal final at the Sochi Winter Games on Thursday.

It was her second goal of the game after she tied the score with just 55 seconds left in regulation.

"I don't know what to say, it's so surreal and a dream come true again," she said.

It's a historic fourth straight gold medal for Canada. The only other women's team to win more consecutive Olympic gold is the U.S. in women's basketball with five in a row from 1996 to 2012.

Poulin was a heroine of Canada's gold in Vancouver four years ago. She scored twice in a 2-0 win over the Americans.

"It doesn't feel real yet but I'm an Olympic gold medallist," said Canadian defenceman Jocelyne Larocque.

The dramatic win came for a Canadian team that has faced adversity in recent months with their coach Dan Church resigning in December and Kevin Dineen taking over just weeks before the Sochi Games.

The Canadians took to Dineen right away and he kept them calm Thursday.

"He was so confident in us, going into overtime our coach just told us to be calm and play our game," said Poulin. "He totally believed in us."

The Canada-U.S. rivalry is a bitter one with the teams coming to blows in exhibition games played in the lead-up to Sochi. Canada had lost four straight coming into the Olympics but won when the teams squared off in the round-robin earlier in the Games.

"I'm proud of the fight that we put up for the whole game," said American captain Meghan Duggan. "I'm proud to wear this jersey always, no matter if (we) win or lose.

"It's not the result we wanted," she added, her voice breaking and tears starting to flow.

Trailing 1-0 after two periods and down two goals deep into the third, Canada scored twice in the final 3:26 of the regulation and suddenly the gold that had been slipping away was within reach again.

"It was a hard game," said Canadian veteran Hayley Wickenheiser. "We came back, we never quit, and we believed in ourselves."

Canada's Brianne Jenner halved the deficit at 16:34 of the third with a shot that deflected off of U.S. defender Kacey Bellamy's knee and over goalie Jessie Vetter.

With Shannon Szabados pulled from Canada's net for an extra attacker, forward Kelli Stack's attempted empty-netter that would have sealed the gold for the Americans hit the post.

Meghan Duggan and Alex Carpenter were the goal scorers for the U.S.

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Golden dynasty

With four straight gold medals in women's hockey, Hayley Wickenheiser, Jayna Hefford and Caroline Ouellette joined Soviet biathlete Alexander Tikhonov and German speedskater Claudia Pechstein as gold medallists in four consecutive Winter Games.

The puck hits the post with Canada's goalie pulled late in regulation during the women's gold-medal game against the United States on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Heroes, goal post help Canada beat U.S.

Just another instalment in the rivalry between Canada and the U.S. in women's hockey. Canada authored a late third-period comeback and then scored in overtime to capture the gold.

Some thoughts on Thursday's thriller:

• Marie-Philip Poulin, at the age of 22, deserves every accolade she's going to get, and judging by social media, there were plenty. She scored the equalizer and the winner, the latter of which should be in equal company with Sidney Crosby's overtime goal against the U.S. four years ago.

• Shannon Szabados, the Canadian goalie, was sublime. She kept her team in it throughout regulation and then made three saves all in one sequence in overtime to deny the U.S. the victory. If she's just good in this game, we're talking about Canadian silver.

• Unfortunately, the officiating warrants discussion. The U.S. certainly has reason to be upset with referee Joy Tottman of Great Britain. Canada's winning goal came courtesy a 4-on-3 power play. In total, there were three penalties — two against the U.S., one against Canada — called in the extra period in a span of less than two minutes. One could argue the validity of all three calls. To say it's difficult to lose a game of such magnitude in overtime is an understatement in itself. If the officiating plays a part in that, the feeling is probably indescribable.

Marie-Philip Poulin
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• Hockey can be so cruel at times. With Canada trailing by a goal in the final minutes, the puck got caught up in the linesman's skates, forcing a Canadian turnover at the U.S. blue line. An American player fired the puck down the ice, only to have it hit square off the post and stay out of the net. That would've restored the two-goal lead and secured gold for the U.S. Didn't work out that way. You know what happened from there.

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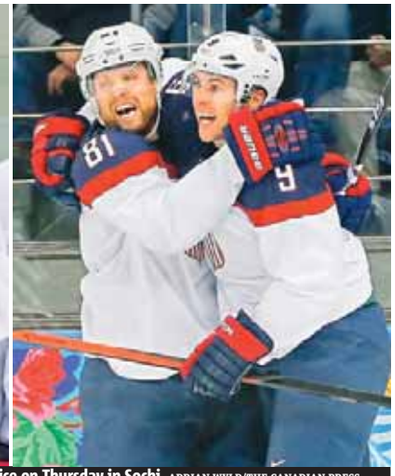
It's the semifinal countdown

Deh-neh-neh-neh, deh-neh-neh-neh-neh... Rematch the hockey world's been waiting for promises to settle a few scores



Left: Canadian players Sidney Crosby, from left, Jonathan Toews and Jeff Carter share a laugh at practice on Thursday in Sochi. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS
Right: Phil Kessel has been stellar for the Americans, scoring five goals while playing with Zach Parise. PETR DAVID JOSEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 19,000 kilometres separate Vancouver and Sochi, and four years have passed since Sidney Crosby scored his golden goal.

Team Canada and the United States meet again at the Olympics on Friday, but almost everything — from the size of the rink to the expectations and the stage — has changed since their last meeting at the 2010 Games.

Most importantly, it's not for the gold medal but rather a spot in the final.

"It seems like we were on a crash course to meet those guys," U.S. centre David Backes said. "And we get them in the semifinal instead of the final, which would have been a little more storybook."

Throw out the storybook and throw out history. Based strictly on a tournament the Americans have rolled through, they look like the favourites against Canada for the first time at the Olympics since NHL players began participating.

Only Backes and his U.S. teammates are embracing the underdog role and trying to deflate high expectations, while Drew Doughty and Canada want to pump themselves up.

"We don't see ourselves as the underdog," Doughty said. "I think both teams are really evenly matched. I don't know who I would give the upper hand to at this point. But I'm obviously more confident in my team than theirs."

Confidence was brimming from both sides a day before meeting with a chance to clinch a spot in the gold-medal game against Sweden or Finland.

It's easy to see where it's coming from for the Americans, who have outscored opponents 20-6 through four games. While Canadian coach Mike Babcock pointed out that it has been "easy" for the U.S. to score, mostly against Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic, Backes doesn't see it that way.

"I don't think it's come easy at all, we've had to work for everything we've gotten, second chances, rebounds, dirty goals," he said. "Everything we've gotten we've worked for and we plan to work for everything we're going to get in the future."

U.S. coach Dan Bylsma said there's no "secret" to what his team has done to lead the tournament in scoring. The win over Russia featured two power-play goals, and the rest of the production has been spread around, whether it be Phil Kessel's five goals in pretty fashion or Dustin Brown's two with some grease on them.

Still, Bylsma doesn't want his team to try to go chance-for-chance with the deep Canadians.

"They have more skill and they're a deeper team but we're a harder team to play against," Bylsma said. "We're going to match up and go toe-to-toe with them that way."

The feeling around the pre-tournament favourite Canadians is that even after scoring just 13 goals through four games, more are bound to come if quality opportunities keep piling up.

"I think we're going to get more opportunities than we've been getting," said Matt Duchene, who will replace the injured John Tavares in Canada's lineup. "I know it's only a matter of time before the dam bursts and we start scoring a lot of goals."

If Canada scores goals at the pace its players do during an NHL regular season, there's no way the U.S. can keep up. That's one thing the Canadians are hoping for by not playing a European team — that this will be a bit more of a North American-style game.

But, again, this is not Vancouver. The ice is still 15 feet wider at Bolshoy Ice Dome than it was at Rogers Arena four years ago, meaning it cannot possibly be the exact same brand of hockey that produced that legendary gold-medal game. "2010's all over with," Team Canada coach Mike Babcock said. "We're at a new opportunity both for them and for us. The teams are different. You have an opportunity right now to make memories for the rest of your life."

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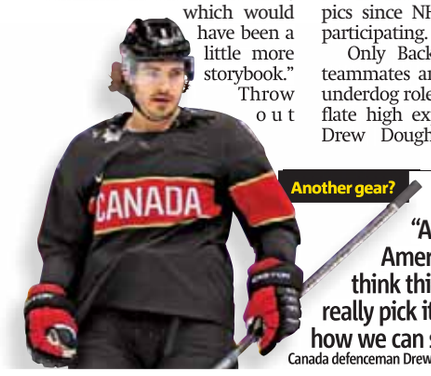
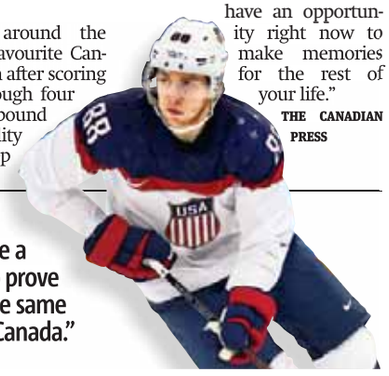


Another gear?

"Against a North American team, I think this is where we really pick it up and show how we can score."
Canada defenceman Drew Doughty



U.S. and them

"I think we have a chance to try to prove that we're in the same sentence with Canada."
U.S. forward Patrick Kane

Stone gold Jones the best in the world

Curling. Undefeated skip's gamble in the 9th vs. Swedes places her among best of all time

Jennifer Jones and Kaitlyn Lawes rest their heads on each other as they stand on the podium with Jill Officer and Dawn McEwen (not seen) after defeating Sweden to win the gold medal in the Olympic curling final in Sochi Thursday.
ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

As Jennifer Jones crouched in the hack, cleaning the rock in advance of her last throw, she was already cracking a grin.

As the stone made its way down the ice, the smile got even broader. And when the rock reached the other end, the beaming Winnipeg skip was jumping for joy.

Olympic champion. Perfect record. Money in the bank.

Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen defeated Sweden's Margaretha Sigfridsson 6-3 on Thursday in a tense final decided by Canada's steal of two in the ninth. Only then were the Canadian women able to relax and bring out the smiles that have been their Olympic trademark here.

"We're Olympic gold medallists," said a jubilant Jones, wearing the same gold eye shadow she favoured in Wednesday's semifinal. "It's something that you dream of for your entire life. It's what every athlete wants to do and we did it today.

"And we did it in a way where we played so consistent all week. On the biggest stage for sport, we came out and played our best. And I'm so, so proud of us."

The win at the Ice Cube Curling Center improved Canada's record at the Games to 11-0, matching Canadian skip Kevin Martin's feat of winning the 2010 Olympic crown without a loss.

Jones, 39, has now added Olympic gold to the world championship she won in 2008 as well as four Canadian titles.

It's Canada's second women's curling gold. The late Sandra Schmirler won the first in Nagano, Japan, in 1998.

The performance will trigger debate of where Jones belongs in the women's curling pantheon.

One of the greatest of all time?

"I would completely, 100 per cent agree.... Probably one of the best skips to ever play the game," said the 38-year-old Officer, who has been at Jones' curling side for 20 years.

"Best in the world," added the 25-year-old Lawes. "She's an amazing, amazing talent in our sport. And as a person, she's an amazing human being. I've never met anyone kinder."

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Brits vs. Swiss

Britain's Eve Muirhead, the 2013 world champion, defeated Switzerland's Mirjam Ott 6-5 for the bronze medal earlier Thursday.

Figure skating

Russian teen outskates vets

Adelina Sotnikova turned her final spin, then burst into tears.

Sotnikova wasn't even Russia's top-ranked teenager in Sochi, but the unheralded skater slew a field full of veterans Thursday to give Russia its first-ever Olympic gold medal in women's singles.

"This is the happiest day in my life," Sotnikova said. "I simply stepped on the ice today and realized how much I like what I'm doing and skated really good."

The 17-year-old from Moscow, who finished well back in ninth at the world championships last March and arrived in Sochi in the shadow of her adored teammate Julia Lipnitskaia, scored 224.59 points to capture the gold.

South Korean star Yuna Kim, the 2010 Olympic champion, scored 219.11 for the silver, while Carolina Kostner of Italy won the bronze with 216.73.

Kaetlyn Osmond of Marystown, N.L., was the top Canadian in 13th while Gabrielle Daleman of Newmarket, Ont., was 17th.

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CFL. Lions sign McCallum to contract extension, add punter Schmitt to the mix

The B.C. Lions have kept one kicker and added another.

The Lions on Thursday announced a contract extension for veteran field goal master Paul McCallum, who will enter his 22nd season in the Canadian Football League this year, as well as agreeing to terms with punter Ricky Schmitt, who spent last season with the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Ricky Schmitt
GETTY IMAGES

Last season, McCallum, only two years removed from winning the league's Most Outstanding Special Teams Player, made 28 of 33 field goals, good enough for 84.8 per cent. His longest was 47 yards.

"Paul has been an outstanding kicker throughout his long career," said Lions general manager Wally Buono in a statement.

The Lions have reduced the burden on McCallum by bringing in Schmitt, who had a 45-yard punting average last season in Saskatchewan.

With the addition of Ricky Schmitt, veteran kicker Paul McCallum, pictured, may no longer have to carry out punting duties for the Lions. GETTY IMAGES FILE

"Ricky has one of the strongest legs in the league and he demonstrated that in some pretty tough conditions in Regina last year," said head coach Mike Benevides in a statement.

"With Paul looking after field goals and Ricky responsible for punting and kickoffs, I believe we have secured one of the best tandems in the CFL." CAM TUCKER/METRO

MEDALS

Nation	G	S	B	Tot.
United States of America	8	6	11	25
Russian Federation	7	9	7	23
Netherlands	6	7	9	22
Norway	10	4	7	21
Canada	**7**	**9**	**4**	**20**
Germany	8	4	4	16
France	4	4	7	15
Sweden	2	6	4	12
Switzerland	6	3	2	11
Austria	2	6	2	10
Czech Republic	2	4	2	8
Japan	1	4	3	8
Italy	0	2	6	8
Slovenia	2	1	4	7
Belarus	5	0	1	6
People's Republic of China	3	2	1	6
South Korea	2	2	1	5

WHAT CANADA DID

THURSDAY

CURLING

Women's Final - Canada defeated Sweden 6-3 to capture the **gold medal**, its first in women's curling since 1998. The Winnipeg rink, consisting of skip Jennifer Jones, third Kaitlyn Lawes, second Jill Officer and lead Dawn McEwen, became the first women's team to go through the Olympics undefeated.

FIGURE SKATING

Ladies Free Program - Kaetlyn Osmond (Sherwood Park, Alta.) received 112.80 points in her free program to finish 13th overall (168.98), while Gabrielle Daleman (Newmarket, Ont.) scored 95.83, 17th overall (148.44).

FREESTYLE SKIING

Men's Ski Cross - Brady Leman of Calgary fell in the final and ended up fourth, allowing the three other French finalists to sweep the podium positions. Chris Del Bosco of Montreal and Dave Duncan of London, Ont., were eliminated in the opening round and finished 17th and 26th overall respectively.

Ladies' Ski Halfpipe - Rosalind Groenewoud of Calgary finished 7th overall (74.20 points), while Keltie Hansen of Edmonton failed to qualify for the final and placed 13th overall.

ICE HOCKEY

Women's Final - Canada won its fourth straight Olympic **gold medal** in women's hockey, defeating the United States 3-2 in overtime. Marie-Philip Poulin scored with 55 seconds left in the third period to send it into overtime, and also scored the golden goal on the power play at the 8:10 mark.

CURLING

All Times Eastern
MEN
Wednesday's results
SEMIFINALS
Canada 10 China 6
Britain 6 Sweden 5
Friday's games
BRONZE MEDAL
Sweden vs. China, 3:30 a.m.
GOLD MEDAL
Britain vs. **Canada,** 8:30 a.m.
WOMEN
Wednesday's results
SEMIFINALS
Canada 6 Britain 4
Sweden 7 Switzerland 5
Thursday's results
BRONZE MEDAL
Britain 6 Switzerland 5
GOLD MEDAL
Canada 6 Sweden 3

CANADA 6, SWEDEN 3

Canada	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**2—6**
Sweden	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0—3**

CANADA
Team Shots: 77, **Points:** 253, **Percentage:** 82.
Jennifer Jones, Shots: 19, **Points:** 67, **Percentage:** 88.
Kaitlyn Lawes, Shots: 20, **Points:** 54, **Percentage:** 68.
Jill Officer, Shots: 20, **Points:** 61, **Percentage:** 76.
Dawn McEwen, Shots: 18, **Points:** 71, **Percentage:** 99.
SWEDEN
Team Shots: 77, **Points:** 266, **Percentage:** 86.
Maria Prytz, Shots: 18, **Points:** 61, **Percentage:** 85.
Christina Bertrup, Shots: 20, **Points:** 63, **Percentage:** 79.
Maria Wennerstroem, Shots: 19, **Points:** 67, **Percentage:** 88.
Margaretha Sigfridsson, Shots: 20, **Points:** 75, **Percentage:** 94.

HOCKEY

All times Eastern
MEN
Wednesday's results
QUARTERFINALS
Canada 2 Latvia 1
Sweden 5 Slovenia 0
Finland 3 Russia 1
United States 5 Czech Republic 2
Friday's games
SEMIFINALS
Sweden at Finland, 7 a.m.
Canada at United States, 12 p.m.
Saturday's game
BRONZE MEDAL GAME
Semifinal losers, 10 a.m.
Sunday's game
GOLD MEDAL GAME
Semifinal winners, 7 a.m.
WOMEN
Thursday's results
BRONZE MEDAL GAME
Switzerland 4 Sweden 3
GOLD MEDAL GAME
Canada 3 United States 2 (OT)

CANADA 3, U.S. 2 (OT)

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Watchorn Cda (Body Checking Minor) 2:01, Mikkelson Cda (roughing) 6:13, Knight U.S. (cross-checking) 8:01, Watchorn Cda (tripping) 14:04, Bellamy U.S. (holding) 15:30.
Second Period
1. United States, Duggan 1 (Lamoureux) 11:57.
Penalties — Stack U.S. (hooking) 7:10, Schleper U.S. (cross-checking) 14:14.
Third Period
2. United States, Carpenter 1 (Knight, Stack) 2:01 (pp).
3. Canada, Jenner 1 (Mikkelson, Larocque) 16:34.
4. Canada, Poulin 1 (Johnston, Irwin) 19:05.
Penalties — Watchorn Cda (tripping) 0:07.
Overtime
5. Canada, Poulin 2 (Fortino) 8:10 (pp).
Penalties — Ward Cda (cross-checking) 6:09, Lamoureux U.S. (slashing) 6:15, Knight U.S. (cross-checking) 7:31.
Shots

Canada	9	8	10	4	—31
United States	11	5	8	5	—29

Goal — Canada: Szabados (W); United States: Vetter (L). **Power plays (goal-chances)** — Canada: 1-7; United States: 1-5.
Referees — Joy Tottman, **Linesmen** — Ilona Novotna, Zuzana Svobodova.
Attendance — 10,639 at Sochi, Russia.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Even if you are the kind of Aries who loves surprises what happens today won't necessarily meet with your approval, especially if the joke is on you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Patience and a sense of humour are a must today. Something is about to happen that not only takes you by surprise but makes your plans redundant, much to your annoyance.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Disruptions are likely across the board today but chances are you won't be as inconvenienced as some people. The good news is that upheavals tend to create new opportunities, so keep your eyes open.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Whatever activities you had lined up for the next 24 hours you may have to think again because unforeseen events will change everything. You may also have to let go of an idea you were attached to.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You will discover something new about a friend or colleague today and although it may shock you a bit you will also be impressed, not least because they managed to keep it a secret so long.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Something dramatic will happen today and you won't be that impressed. However, if you keep your wits about you this is one surprise that can be turned in your favour.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be bumpier than usual today but that's okay because you are not the sort to panic. You do like to spend money to make yourself feel better and that may be a mistake.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to confront a fear that has been holding you back and you need to do it now. A little bit of courage will take you a long way.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Either you will change your mind and annoy other people, or they will change their minds and annoy you. Either way tempers are going to be a bit on the short side over the next 24 hours.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't waste your time or your energy on someone who seems determined to get under your skin. Don't let this feud go on or could develop into something quite dangerous. Just walk away.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Just because you see things in a clear and logical way does not mean other people see with the same kind of eyes or understanding. You will encounter someone today who is rather dull-witted.

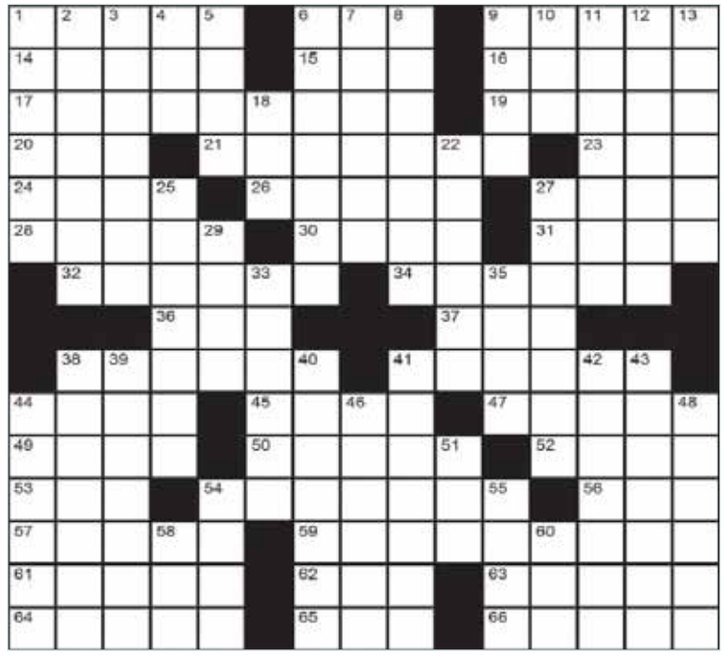
♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Most things are going your way right now but Saturn, planet of restriction, is still holding you back from following your dream. Take it as a sign that you're not ready to make that dream a reality.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across

1. Pandemonium
6. Toronto's Union, e.g.
9. SOCHI 2014 - Opening/Closing Ceremonies venue, __ Olympic Stadium
14. Canadian author of the Jalna novel series, Mazo de la __ (b.1879 - d.1961)
15. Record label
16. "...the bombs bursting __...": 2 wds.
17. Montreal borough
19. Joni Mitchell's "_ __ of You"
20. US tax ID
21. SOCHI 2014 - Speed Skating race, Team __
23. Days opp.
24. "So __ __."
26. Soothsayers
27. Rivers: Spanish
28. Lettered gyms
30. Prefix with 'logical'
31. Large lot
32. Pattern
34. Like partially melted snow
36. Writer Mr. Capote, to pals
37. US politics org.
38. Knowing
41. SOCHI 2014 - Podium hauls
44. Shock
45. Karmann __ (Volkswagen of yore)
47. Margarines
49. Ms. Helgenberger
50. French artist Mr. Matisse
52. Led Zeppelin IV, aka what?
53. www address
54. French island where Napoleon was born
56. __ favor (Please, in Spanish)
57. Ambition
59. SOCHI 2014 - Cross-Country race: 2 wds.
61. Soap star Ms. Francis
62. Offs opposites
63. Ms. Clark of country
64. Outer limits
65. Expanse
66. Change hair hue again

Down

1. SOCHI 2014 - Canadian Men's Ice Hockey captain, Sidney __
2. Hugh Laurie series, "__ _._."
3. Behave politely: 2 wds.
4. "__, '_' is then?" ...asked the person who initially thought 'S' was the 18th letter
5. Permeate
6. Administered an oath: 2 wds.
7. Strained
8. Qualities
9. Italian car
10. "Monsters, __." (2001)
11. District of __ (Vancouver Island municipality)
12. Past
13. Braid: French
18. 12th Greek letters
22. Opera, Tristan und __
25. Savouring
27. Hip-Hop group from Vancouver
29. King
33. Enthusiastic: 2 wds.
35. Reverse
38. Headlined
39. SOCHI 2014 - Winter Olympics sport
40. Lunchbox flask
41. Yahoo! CEO Ms. Mayer
42. SOCHI 2014 - One of the Mascots
43. "My apologies.": 2 wds.
44. Blur
46. So senseless
48. Military foray
51. 'Magnet' suffix
54. Third letters
55. Stars sci.
58. Try
60. Casual top

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

8								6
	5	4				7	9	
			6	8	5			
		9	5	4	8	6		
2	8						7	5
		6	1	7	2	9		
			9	1	3			
	6	5				3	4	
3								1

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	1	6	4	8	3	9	7	5
7	5	8	6	1	9	3	2	4
4	3	9	5	7	2	1	8	6
9	6	4	3	5	7	2	1	8
8	2	3	1	9	4	5	6	7
5	7	1	8	2	6	4	9	3
1	4	7	9	3	8	6	5	2
3	8	5	2	6	1	7	4	9
6	9	2	7	4	5	8	3	1

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